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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 28 TO 34 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 30, paragraphs 4 and 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the 15th meeting of States parties to the Covenant will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 9 January 1996, for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee resulting from the resignation of Mrs. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) who was re-elected at the 12th meeting of States parties for a term that was to expire on 31 December 1996. For the information of the States parties, the current membership of the Human Rights Committee is provided in annex I to the present document.

2. In accordance with article 33, paragraph 2, and article 34 of the Covenant, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 18 August 1995, invited the States parties to submit, in conformity with article 29 of the Covenant, their nominations for the election of one member of the Committee within two months, i.e. by 17 October 1995.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 34, paragraph 2, of the Covenant, the Secretary-General has the honour to indicate below the names of the persons nominated for election to the Human Rights Committee, and the States parties which have nominated them:

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Mr. Abdulrahman Salem Bin Brek	Yemen
Lord Colville	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Mr. Soumaye Poutia	Niger
Mrs. Alice Aimée Rasehenosoa Randreza	Madagascar
Mr. Georges Razanakoto	Madagascar

Annex I

MEMBERSHIP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Francisco José AGUILAR URBINA*	Costa Rica
Mr. Nisuke ANDO**	Japan
Mr. Tamás BAN*	Hungary
Mr. Prafullachandra Natwarlal BHAGWATI**	India
Mr. Marco Tulio BRUNI CELLI*	Venezuela
Mr. Thomas BUERGENTHAL**	United States of America
Mrs. Christine CHANET**	France
Mr. Omran EL SHAFEI**	Egypt
Mrs. Elizabeth EVATT*	Australia
Mr. Laurel FRANCIS*	Jamaica
Mr. Eckart KLEIN**	Germany
Mr. David KRETZMER**	Israel
Mr. Rajsoomer LALLAH*	Mauritius
Mr. Andreas V. MAVROMMATIS*	Cyprus
Mrs. Cecilia MEDINA QUIROGA**	Chile
Mr. Fausto POCAR*	Italy
Mr. Julio PRADO VALLEJO**	Ecuador

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* Term expires on 31 December 1996.

** Term expires on 31 December 1998.

Annex II

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Mr. Abdulrahman Salem Bin Brek (Yemen)

Place and date of birth: Al-Shehr, Hadhramout Governorate, Yemen, 20 December 1951.
Appointed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yemen: 3 September 1977.
Current diplomatic rank: Minister Plenipotentiary.
Current position: Director of Legislation Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen.

Qualifications

Master's Degree in International Law (1977) from Kiev State University, Ukrainian Republic (Soviet Union).
Master's Degree in Political Science (1994) from Islamic Millia University, New Delhi (India).

Training courses

Foreign policy and international relations, and others in Germany (1979).

Different training courses on legal and human affairs, as well as on the functions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, United Nations Headquarters, New York, from August 1989 to August 1990.

Languages

English, Russian, French and Italian.

Experience

Legal Adviser to the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from September 1977 to 18 May 1979.

Chief of Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Section in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from May 1979 to December 1979.

Chief of Southern West Asia Section from December 1979 to November 1982.

First Secretary at Embassy of Yemen in Paris from December 1982 to December 1985.

Representative to Arab League Office as well as to UNESCO in Paris from December 1982 to December 1985.

Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Embassy of Yemen in Paris from 1984 to 1985.

Chief of Documentation and Translation Section in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from March 1986 to August 1989.

Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Yemen, to the United Nations, New York from May 1990 to August 1990.

Minister Plenipotentiary and Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of Yemen in New Delhi during the period August 1990-June 1994.

Participation in Conferences and Seminars

Diplomatic Seminar for the staff in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980.

Seminar on education for sons of Arab emigrants in Europe, UNESCO, in Paris December 1983.

Sessions of United Nations General Assembly, including the Third Committee and the Sixth Committee, from 1989 to 1990.

Working team meetings on International Commercial Law and others at United Nations Headquarters.

Meetings of the Security Council during the membership of Yemen in 1989 and 1990.

Sessions of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee held from August 1990 to June 1994 in New Delhi.

Sessions of the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization which took place in New Delhi from 1990 to 1994.

Lord Colville (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Personal

John Mark Alexander Colville, 4th Viscount and 13th Baron (Scotland) Colville of Culross. Born 19 July 1933. Educated Rugby School (scholar) and New College Oxford (scholar) MA.

Legal career

1960	Barrister-at-Law Lincoln's Inn (Buchanan Prize)
1978	Queen's Counsel
1986	Bencher, Lincoln's Inn
1990-1993	Recorder
1993-	Circuit judge
1995-	Resident Judge, Harrow Crown Court

Parliament

1954-	Member, House of Lords
	Active in legislation and on committees - currently Scrutiny Committee on European Union (sub-committee, Law and Institutions)
1972-1974	Minister of State, Home Office (portfolio included prisons, parole, mentally disordered offenders, Channel Islands and Isle of Man)
	Now Independent member.

Appointments

Official

1979	Observer, Elections Zimbabwe-Rhodesia
1980-1984	Leader, United Kingdom delegation, Commission on Human Rights

Independent

1981-1985	Member, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (Chairman 1982-1985)
1983-1986	Special Rapporteur on human rights in Guatemala of the Commission on Human Rights

1984-1988	Chairman, Mental Health Act Commission (England and Wales) (interests of compulsorily detained mental patients)
1988-1992	Chairman, Parole Board for England and Wales (release on licence of long-term prisoners)
1986-1993	Annual report and recommendations to Government and Parliament on operation of prevention of terrorism legislation
1987-1993	Annual report and recommendations to Government and Parliament on operation of Emergency Provisions (Northern Ireland) Acts
1992	Annual report on operational policy in Belfast Prison for management of paramilitary prisoners
1987-1993	Director, Securities and Futures Authority (financial services regulator)
1993-	Chairman, Revolving Doors Agency (mentally disordered offenders)

Other activities

1964	Member, Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Divorce Law Reform
1968-1972	Member, Council of University of East Anglia
1982-1984	Member, Council of Confederation of British Industries
1984-1990	Chairman, Alcohol Education and Research Council

Mr. Soumaye Poutia (Niger)

Born: 1950, at Nogare, Niamey

Post: Director of prisons administration, penalty enforcement and conditional discharge, Ministry of Justice, Niamey

Degrees: Certificate of law June 1978 to 1979
Bachelor of Law, June 1982
Master of Law, October 1993
Graduate, National College of the Magistrature, Paris, June 1986

Posts:

President, Birni N'Knonni Section Court, 1986-1988

Public Prosecutor Court of First Instance, Tahoua, Niger, 1988-1991

Director of prisons administration, penalty enforcement and conditional discharge from 1991

Papers:

The penitentiary legislation of Niger, for the National Seminar of the Magistrature, held in Niamey, June 1992

Problems of prison custody in Niger

Seminars:

Seminar on Development Management, Niamey, 1992

Workshop for the Preparation of the First Priority Action and Investment Programme in the field of Population, August-September 1992, Maradi (Niger)

Workshop for the Drafting of the First Priority Action Programme in the field of Population and of the National Report, July 1993, Kollo (Niger)

Training Seminar on the Practical Implementation of United Nations Conventions on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, November-December 1993, Kampala (Uganda)

Seminar on the Administration of Justice and the Penitentiary Systems of French-speaking Africa, organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross, November-December 1994, Abidjan

African Symposium on the Periodic Report provided for in the African Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights, May 1994, Tunis

Activities:

Member of the Ad Hoc National Commission for a Negotiated Settlement of the Armed Rebellion in Niger

Member of the National Elections Commission

Member of the National Commission on Administrative Reorganization in Niger

Member of the Technical Commission on Legislative Reform

Founder-member of the Association Internationale pour la Démocratie, Niger (AID-Niger)

Member of the International Prison Medical Services Board, Paris

Permanent Secretary of the Supreme Council of Justice

Mrs. Alice Aimée Rasehenosoa Randreza (Madagascar)

Date and place of birth: 18 September 1937, Tananarive, Madagascar

Profession: Judge

Education and qualifications:

Secondary education: Lycée Jules Ferry, Tananarive, 1951-1958
Baccalaureate (philosophy)

Higher education: Bachelor of Law, Institute of Judicial Studies (Private Law Section), four-year course, 1958-1962
Law School of Madagascar, attached to the Academy of Aix-Marseille.

Posts in the Magistrature:

1963-1964 Deputy Public Prosecutor, Tananarive

1967 Juveniles Judge, Antananarive Court of First Instance

1967-1968 President, Tananarive Labour Court

1969-1974 Adviser, Appeals Court of Madagascar

1974-1977 Divisional President, Appeals Court of Madagascar

1977-1979 President, Tananarive Special Economic Tribunal

1979-1981 Divisional President, Appeals Court of Madagascar

1981-1985 Divisional President, Supreme Court of Madagascar

Since 1985 President of the Supervisory Unit, Supreme Court of Madagascar

Since 1990 Deputizes for the First President of the Supreme Court

Missions abroad:

1982 New York, as member of the Malagasy delegation to the thirty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly

1986 Vienna, as member of the Malagasy delegation to the Plenipotentiary Conference on the Law of Treaties

1992 Milan, on a debt negotiation and recovery mission from the BTM Bank to the Dexter-Italia Company

Missions at home:

1987 Participant in a seminar for members of the Bench and for bankers at the Central Bank of Madagascar

1988 Member of the Commission on the Reform of Family Law organized by the National Assembly (Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee)

1990 Participant in an international symposium on commercial law organized by the Malagasy Academy and the University

1993 Chairperson of the Sixth Commission for the drafting of legislation on "The State and Business Enterprises", under the auspices of the Malagasy Academy and the United States Agency for International Development (US-AID)

Other activities:

Member of the Board of Directors, National Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People

Member of the Board of Directors, National Federation of Associations for the Protection of Children and Young People

National President, Malagasy Family Planning Association, 1974-1986

Member of the Central Board, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), 1981-1985

Participant in social, cultural and church activities for women, children and young people organized by the Protestant Church

Courses and seminars attended:

United Nations Seminar on the Family in Transition, London, 1975

NGO Forum on International Women's Year, Mexico, 1975

IPPF seminar (African region) on Information, Education and Communication, Mantasoa, Madagascar, 1984

IPPF Seminar on Abortion, Accra (Ghana), 1980

NGO Forum on International Women's Year, Nairobi, 1985

Seminar organized by the Malagasy Parliamentary Group on Population and Development, Antananarivo, 1988

Seminar organized by the Malagasy Parliamentary Group on the Reform of Family Law, Antananarivo, 1989

International Symposium on the Judiciary, Foulpoint (Madagascar), 1993

Seminar organized by the Association for the Development of Franco-Malagasy Exchanges on Law and Business Practice in Madagascar, Paris, 1994

Study session organized by the Malagasy Bar on the Judiciary, Antananarivo, 1995

Mr. Georges Razanakoto (Madagascar)

Date and place of birth: 9 March 1945, Fianarantsoa, Madagascar

Profession: Judge

Present grade: Judge, grade 1, appointed Divisional President of the Supreme Court by Decree No. 89-221 of 31 July 1989

Present post: Advocate-General, Supreme Court of Madagascar

Education:

1966 Baccalaureate (philosophy)

1969 Bachelor of Law, (private law, four-year course)

1969 Certificate of Judicial Studies

1970 Graduate, Institute of Judicial Studies

Courses and seminars:

1967 Course at Fianarantsoa Prefecture on "The Administration of a Prefecture"

1969 Practical course at Fianarantsoa Court

1993 Participant in the Training Seminar on "Legal aspects of economic development", organized in Mantasoa, Madagascar, by US-AID, the Malagasy Academy, the Ministry of Justice and the International Development Law Institute, Rome

1994 Participant in the Training Seminar on "Enterprises in difficulties" organized by the International Development Law Institute

Career in the judicial administration:

1970-1971 Deputy Public Prosecutor of Fianarantsoa

1971-1972 Judge and Examining Magistrate at Antananarivo

1973-1976 President, Antananarivo Juvenile Court

1976-1978 President, Port-Bergé Section Court

1978-1980 First Deputy Public Prosecutor of Antananarivo

1980-1982 Adviser, Appeals Court of Madagascar (appointed Divisional President of the Appeals Court of Madagascar by Decree No. 85-443 of 27 December 1985)

1982-1985 Adviser, Cassation Division of the Supreme Court of Madagascar

1985-1989 Elected Adviser to the Supervisory Unit of the Supreme Court by the National Assembly (appointed Judge, grade 1, Divisional President of the Supreme Court by Decree No. 89-221 of 31 July 1989)

Posts in the BTM Bank:

1990-1992 Legal Adviser to the Board of Directors and Director of Legal Affairs

1992-1993 Reappointed Director of Legal Affairs (after assessment of management potential by the RINDRA firm of auditors)

Teaching posts:

1973-1974 Visiting lecturer in civil law at the National Staff Training College of the Faculty of Law, Antananarivo University

1974-1976 Visiting lecturer in practical courses in civil and criminal law at the Faculty of Law, Antananarivo University

1978-1989 Visiting lecturer in civil and commercial law in the administrative section of the Faculty of Law, Antananarivo University

1988-1991 Visiting professor of commercial law at the National Institute of Accountancy and Business Administration

1993-... Visiting lecturer in banking law at the Malagasy National School of Administration

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